

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

IN THE CLAIMS

1-8. (CANCELED)

- 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)** A process for providing substrate surfaces with images covered by a transparent coating layer, consisting of the successive steps:
- a) providing a substrate to be provided with an image covered with a transparent coating layer; and
 - b) providing a backing foil consisting of a foil, wherein one side of said foil having has a first uncured, or at most partially cured transparent coating, and optionally, a further transparent coating, and[[,]] wherein on either the side of the said first transparent coating remote from the said foil, or the side of said further transparent coating remote from said foil if said further transparent coating is present, having-has an image thereon, wherein the-said image is applied by ink jet printing;
 - bc) applying the said backing foil with its coated side provided with the-said image, onto the substrate;
 - ed) curing of at least the said first transparent coating; and
 - de) removing the said foil from the said first transparent coating such that the entire transparent coating layer, together with the image, remains on the substrate, wherein curing according to process step ed) proceeds before and/or after removal of the said foil.
- 10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED)** The process of claim 9, wherein at least the first transparent coating is thermally curable and curing proceeds in step d) by supply of thermal energy by means of a method selected from the group

consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any desired combination thereof.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The process of claim 9, wherein at least the first transparent coating is curable by means of high-energy radiation and the curing in step ed) proceeds by irradiation with high-energy radiation selected from the group consisting of electron beam radiation and UV radiation.
12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The process of claim 9, wherein the ~~curable~~ coating composition of said first transparent coating or of said further transparent coating is ~~a coating composition~~ curable thermally and by means of high-energy radiation and the curing in step ~~[[c]]d~~) proceeds by supply of thermal energy by means of a method selected from the group consisting of radiant heating, convection, induction heating, contact heating and any combination thereof and by irradiation with high-energy radiation selected from the group consisting of electron beam radiation and UV radiation.
13. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The process of claim 9, wherein the transparent coating layer of step a) comprises a coating selected from the group consisting of thermally curable coatings, coatings curable by means of high-energy radiation and coatings which are curable by means of high-energy radiation and additionally by thermal means.
14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The process of claim 9, wherein said first transparent coating ~~layer of step a)~~ contains 1 to 20 wt. %, relative to the resin solids content, of an inorganic filler.

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The process of claim 9, wherein said ~~optional~~ further transparent coating, if said further transparent coating is present, of step a) contains 1 to 20 wt.%, relative to the resin solids content, of an inorganic filler.

16. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The process of claim 9, wherein said first transparent coating ~~layer of step a)~~ and said ~~optional~~ further transparent coating layer of ~~step a)~~ have the same resin solids composition.